

To the Right Honourable the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Common Councell of the City of
London. These;

Right Honourable, and right Worshipfull,

THis his Majesties most gracious Letter, I *Thomas Violet* of London Goldsmith, brought from *Oxford* to *London*: and for doing his Majestie this service for the benefit and weale publique of this famous City, I have been committed prisoner to the Tower of London for three yeares and halfe, and for nine hundred twenty eight dayes of that time, was kept close prisoner in my Chamber, my Estate to a great value sequestred (too gentle a word for so cruell usage to the Kings messenger-) I doe likewise send to you here inclosed, a booke printed by *Peter Cole*, in *Corne hill* neare the Royall Exchange the 16. of *January*, 1643. Wherein you may see the transaction of this Businesse concerning this his Majesties Letter, at large, printed by order of the two houses of Parliament, a booke worthy of your serious consideration, Now my humble request to you the Lord Major; Aldermen and Common Counsel and all other well affected people of the City of London is:

1. That you would seriously consider of this his Majesties most gracious letter unto you.
2. That you would examine all or any of the Records of the City of London, to see if ever any Messenger from any of his Majesties predecessors to this City of London, with the Kings letter desiring peace, hath been so hardly used as I have been.
3. That you would improve your interest with both houses of Parliament, that I may be discharged from my cruell imprisonment, may have the Sequestration taken off from my estate, and receive full reparations for all my damages, and may have leave to attend his Majestie.

And if the particulars in his Majesties letter which I send you here the Copy off, shall yet be taken into your serious consideration, I humbly conceive it may prove in some measure an happy expedient, to prevent those dangers, mischies, and inconveniences, that seeme to threaten disturbance both of the City and Kingdome: which I am imboldned humbly to offer to your wisdom, out of the zeale and affection my heart really beareth to the happinesse, peace, and prosperity both of this famous City of London, and the whole Kingdom.

From my Prilon in the Tower,
this 28. of June, 1647.

Your honours and the Cities most humble
servant. *Thomas Violet* R.

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